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About the cover: Artist Wayne Kerr says that the Sons of Confederate Veterans raised a 20x30-ft. Confederate flag on an 80-ft. pole on private property in 2020 to protest the removal of Confederate monuments throughout the country. The group says that they are honoring their ancestors. Kerr says that his family fought for the confederacy too, but he would never celebrate the fact that they fought to safeguard the right to own slaves nor offend those who have suffered as slaves, under Jim Crow laws or any form of racism. "Every time I drive by that flag in Newton, I wish I had a 50-ft. flamethrower," he says.



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because you become its prisoner.

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A SIDEWALK PURRING

And she had the audacity to call me an ass! Haha



So anyway, what's up with that thing around your neck?



I'm on house arrest. I can't help but chase that kid from across the street





by Alex Ippert



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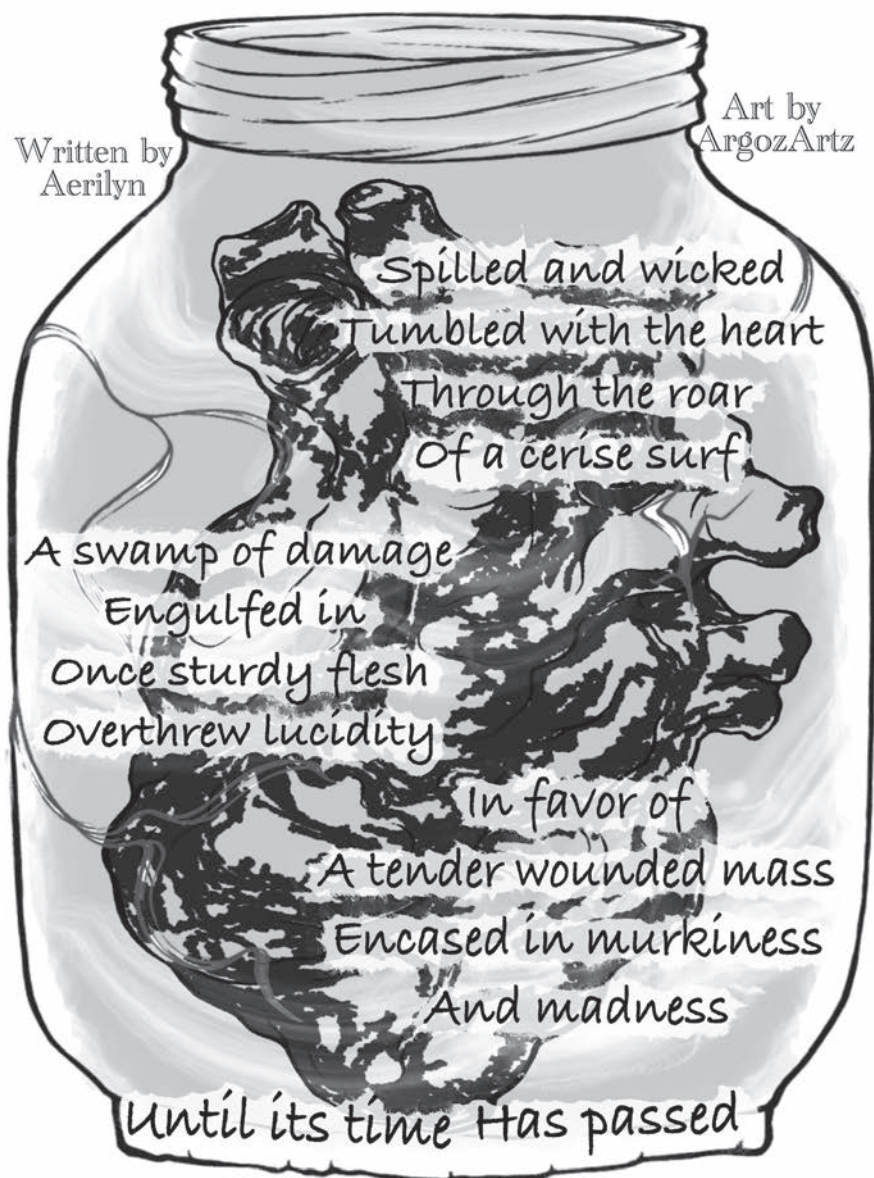


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Hollow Ghost

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Aerilyn

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Spilled and wicked
Tumbled with the heart
Through the roar
Of a cerise surf

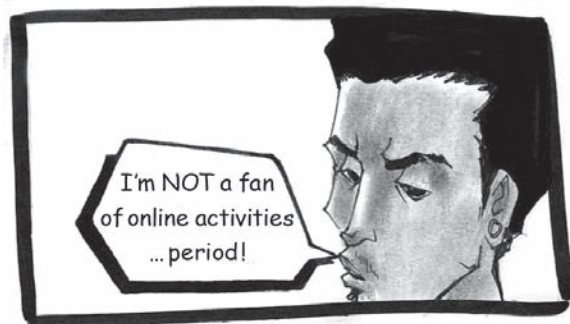
A swamp of damage
Engulfed in
Once sturdy flesh
Overthrew lucidity

In favor of
A tender wounded mass
Encased in murkiness
And madness

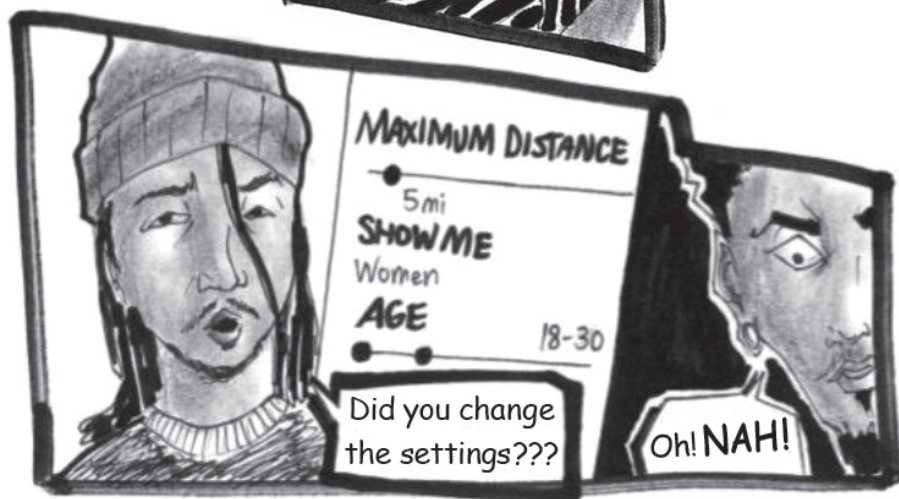
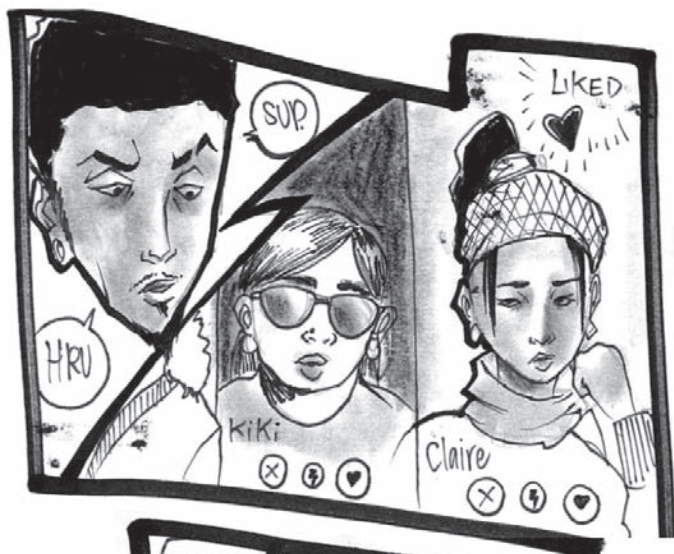
Until its time Has passed

"O.L.T." Online Love Thang

by Francesko

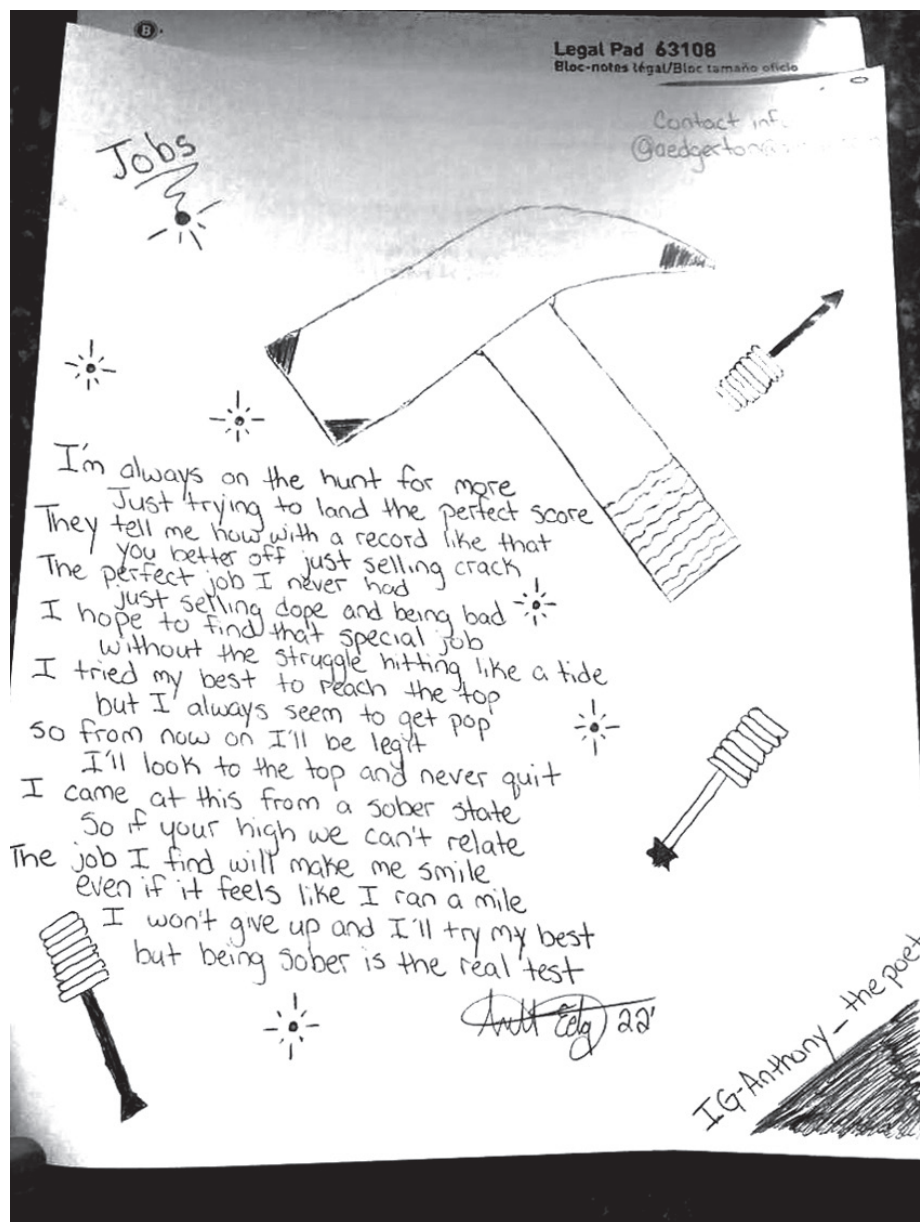




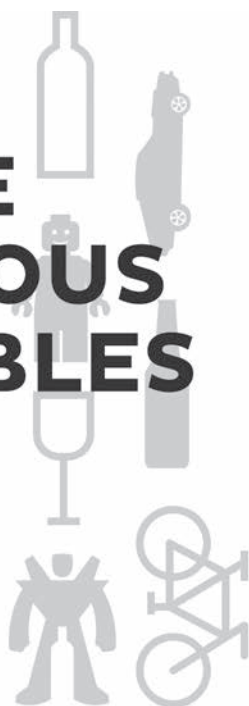


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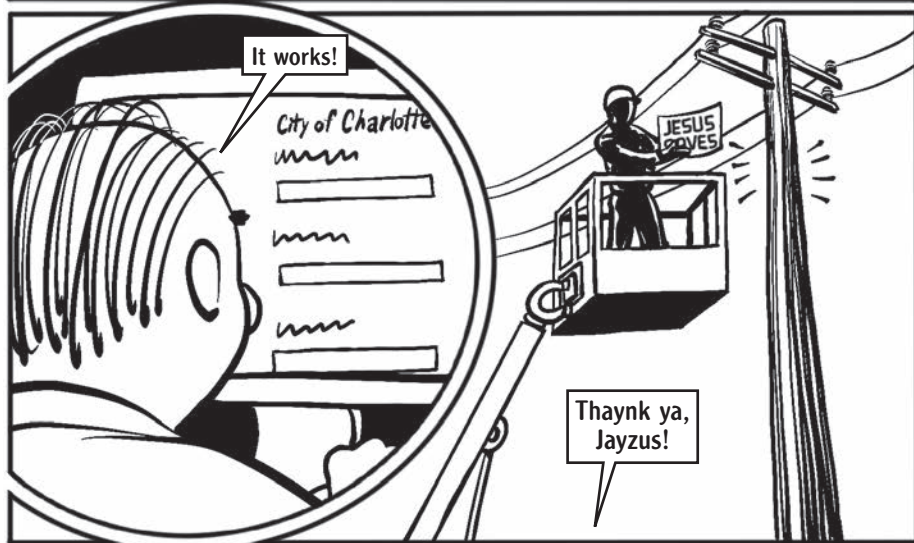
SIGN of the ^{end of} TIMES by Wayne Kerr



Ya know, what I should do is make a red sign to attach to the bottom that says, "GOD KILLS." 'Cause it's true!

How would they feel if I put up signs that say "THERE IS NO GOD" everywhere?

I called City Council and found out there is a website where you can report signs in public rights of way.



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OR CALL YOUR CITY COUNCIL.



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I JUST WANT TO
SLEEP SO I CAN
WAKE UP IN
MY OWN
HEAD.



I FEEL LOST.



AND WEAK.



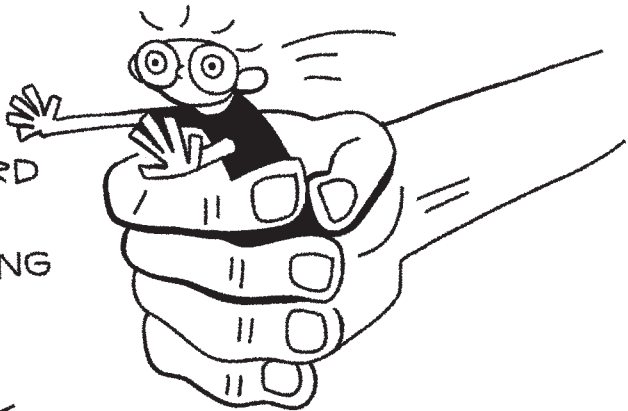
AND ANY
SPARK OF
HOPE I HAD
FOR THE
FUTURE
IS SNUFFED
BY LEAGUES
OF DESPAIR.



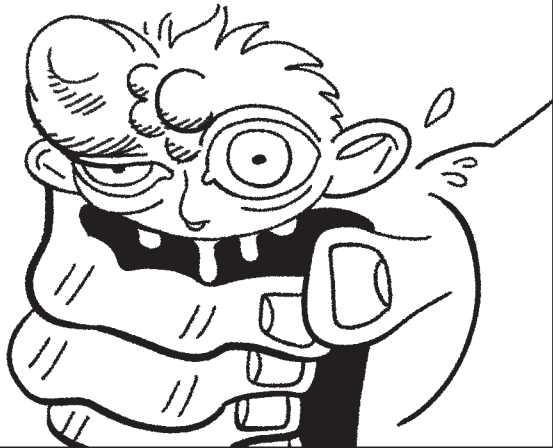
ON AUTO
MY HEAD
HUMS
PREDICTING
FUTURE
DISASTER.



I JUST
WANT TO
MOVE
FORWARD
BUT
SOMETHING
KEEPS
HOLDING
ME BACK.

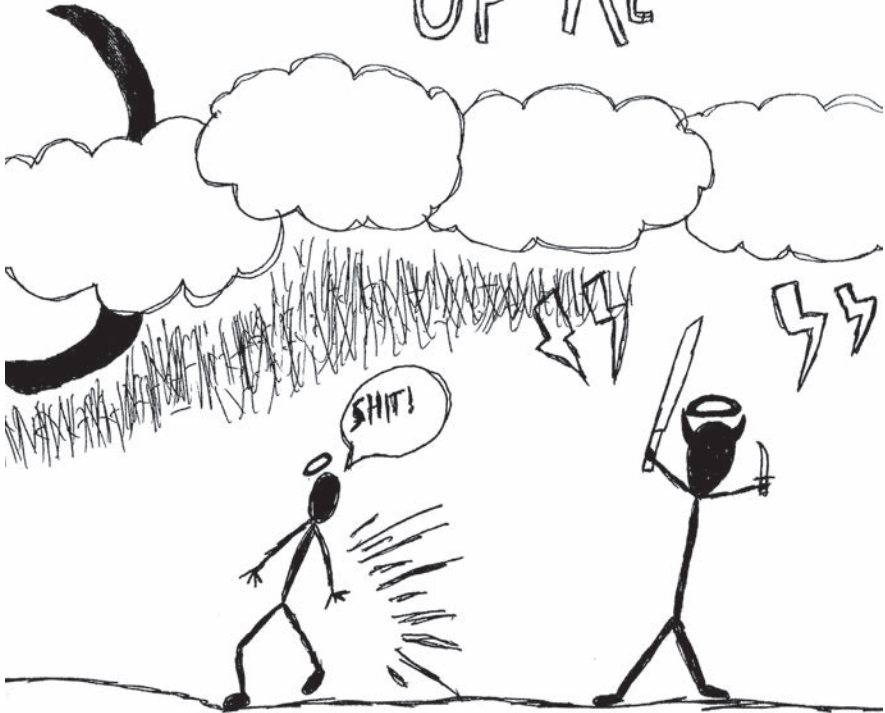


AN
IRRITATING
FESTERING
RASH THAT
PLAGUES
MY TIME.





THE STORM OF ME



The storm of me,
I got plenty of blame,
Demons on my back,
Might be stuck in the rain,
Might be stuck in the sun,
Might be stuck without shade,
But this storm I created,
I got no one to blame,
I got only myself,
For the choices I've made,
For the decisions to use,
For this creation of pain,
I put on my own shackles,

I put on my own chains,
But I'm running, I'm running,
I'm running from flames,
I'm running towards light,
I'm saving my name,
I'm running from this storm,
While it's screaming my name,
There's no turning back,
This isn't a game,
No more chasing the storm,
While it's calling my name.

— *Nicholas A. Coppola*

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OLD EARTH, NEW MEXICO, PT. 1

BY MICHAEL YELTON



Tierravieja, New Mexico



Did you hear about Kathy
Garcia and her cat?



Nah.

Lil' thing got torn
to shreds in her backyard.
They don't even
know what did it, they
got that tall fence
and all.



She said she went out lookin' for it one night, just to find pieces of it all over the-

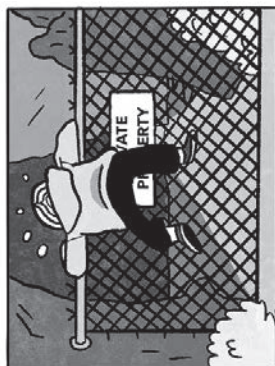
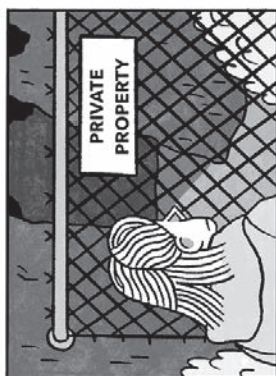
Aw,
sick, shut
the hell up!

Anyways, it was prolly a
koy-yote. People been seein' them
around.

Hey, Mickey! It's
ten-a-clock, get
the hell in here!

And you!
Buy somethin'
or get outta
here!









wha...



So! Who is this

MARK SPAIN

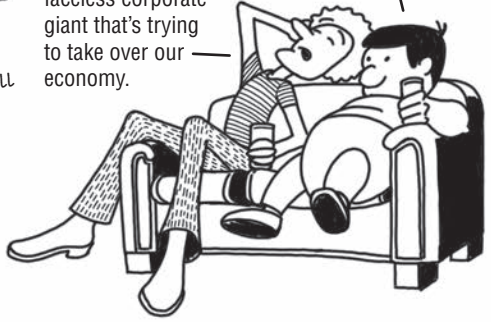
guy?

by Greg Russell

I understand that he can get you a guaranteed offer on your home today.

Judging by his classic W.A.S.P.ish good looks and a name that alludes to a person of great wit and humor with a slightly (but not too) exotic twist, he must be a helluva great guy.

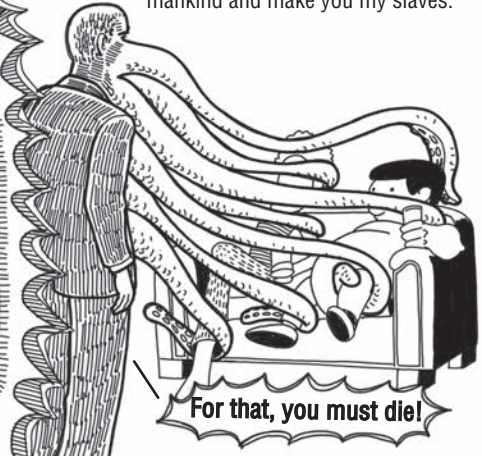
That's what I say! He's too perfect to be real. I think he's an avatar for an otherwise faceless corporate giant that's trying to take over our economy.



I think he's a rogue A.I. that's plotting to take over the world. Every time someone Googles him after seeing one of his millions of billboards, all of their personal data is uploaded to his memory. He plans to hold our finances captive and threaten to reveal our darkest secrets if we don't obey him.



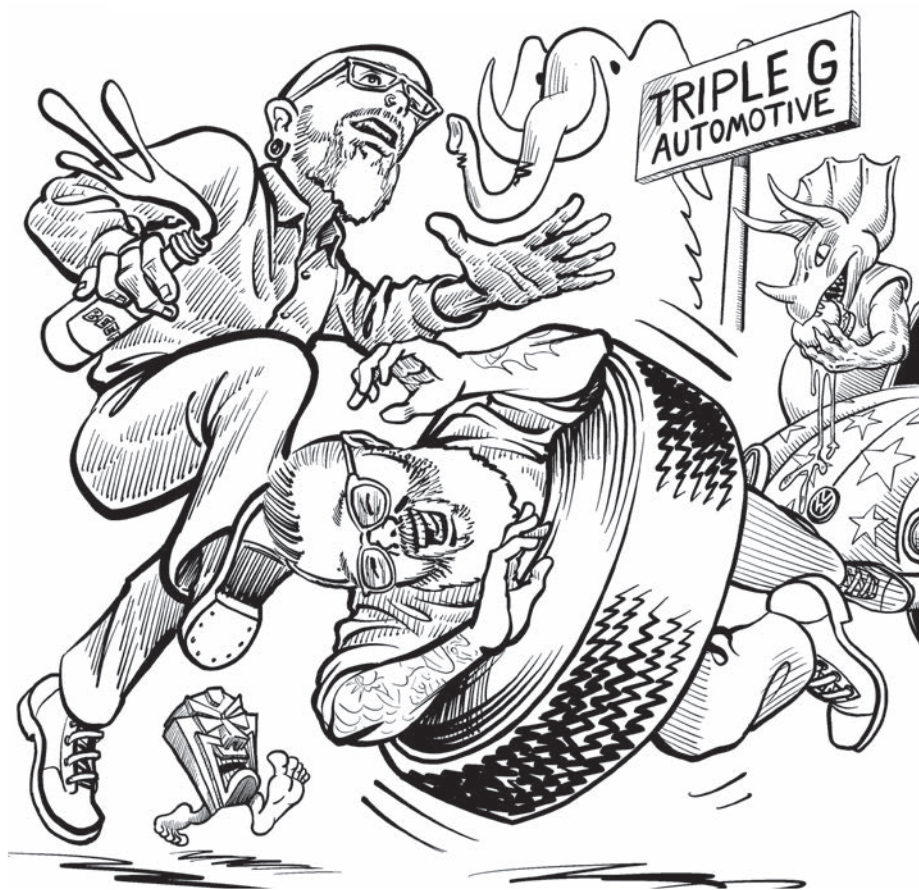
Hi! I'm ... Mark Spain! I'm afraid you have come dangerously close to revealing my true nature. I am %&\$#!* from planet _)&@#%&,(and I am using the subliminal messages in my billboards to subjugate mankind and make you my slaves.



For that, you must die!

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